

Astro News

DiBattiste lauds educators at LA visit

AF Under Secretary emphasizes diversity in face of recruiting challenges

Peggy Hodge
Public Affairs Office

As the Air Force faces recruiting and retention challenges, we continue to place a high value on education as one of our main objectives when recruiting a young person into the Air Force, said The Honorable Carol DiBattiste, Under Secretary of the Air Force, at a luncheon here April 27.

“Our goal is to educate our people—whether it is through on-the-job training, technical training or advanced education,” Ms. DiBattiste said. “Our goal is to provide them with the education they need to make them most productive.”

The Air Force’s second highest-ranking civilian spoke to an audience of educators and guests from the Los Angeles Unified School District, March Air Reserve Base and Los Angeles Air Force Base.

She was sponsored to speak here as part of OPERATION CALIFORNIA—a program designed to communicate with the Hispanic community regarding the outstanding educational and vocational opportunities available in the Air Force Reserve.

She thanked the educators for their support of the Air Force and asked for their continued assistance. “I want to encourage you to continue to support the Air Force community even more so in the future. And that’s why I’m here,” said Ms. DiBattiste. “We are experiencing some challenges right now in recruiting and retaining the high quality young men and women we need to support our Air Force—to support you—and to support the national defense of our great nation.”

The Air Force Reserve currently has 8,000 authorizations in California with approximately 400 vacancies. Hispanics represent less than 10 percent of the Air Force Reserve in the state, while California’s Hispanic population is more than 35 percent.

Ms. DiBattiste asked the educators to share with their students what the Air Force has accomplished in the last 10 years: success in the Persian Gulf War,

Kosovo, Bosnia and many peacekeeping, humanitarian and counter-terrorism missions.

“The Air Force owes these successes to our people. We are the number one aerospace force in the world, but we are nothing without our people,” she said. “And that means people that look like the face of America—Hispanics, African-Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Native Americans—Americans from all walks of life.”

“It is critical that our diversity reflects the people of the nation we serve and defend,” said the Undersecretary. “In fact, our diversity is our strength—we are made up of talented men and women from all walks of life and from every corner of America.”

Although the Air Force recruited more people in 1999 than it did in each of the six years before, the service missed its active duty recruiting goal last year for the first time in 20 years falling short by more than 1,700 recruits.

Ms. DiBattiste oversees the recruiting, training and equipping of more than 710,000 people and a budget of approximately \$71 billion. Recruiting and retention are her top two priorities since taking office in August 1999.

“I urge all Americans to consider the United States Air Force and the Air Force Reserve when looking at career and leadership opportunities,” said DiBattiste. “In addition to incredible job training, immediate responsibility and educational opportunities, our people enjoy serving their country and being part of the most powerful and respected aerospace force in the world.”

The Under Secretary asks all of us to become recruiters. “Los Angeles Air Force Base can get all of their people involved. Everyone should be going out into their communities or going to their hometowns—their high schools or colleges—and recruiting for the Air Force. In addition, the people here can work on counseling and mentoring to retain the great people that we already have in the Air Force. We want to recruit the best and we want to keep the best. And that means everyone needs to participate.”



Courtesy photo
The Honorable Carol DiBattiste (right), Under Secretary of the Air Force, speaks with a group of Los Angeles educators at a luncheon here April 27.

Feral cat control planned

2nd Lt. Mike Plumb
61st Civil Engineering Squadron

A base Feral Animal Working Group has recommended the trapping and release to authorities of feral cats from the base.

The group was formed in response to concerns over the feral cats in Area A including cat safety, public health and infrastructure damage. The working group included members from the clinic’s public health office, security forces, civil engineering, the base legal office and two members specifically interested in the cat’s welfare.

After several weeks of research and out-of-the-box thinking, the group came up with a number of alternatives but finally recommended that the cats be trapped, then released to a group which will take responsibility for the further care of the cats.

The independent group would be respon-

sible for spaying or neutering the cats, immunization and transfer to existing feral cat colonies throughout the South Bay region. Such colonies are typically overseen by caregivers. A veterinarian attended and endorsed this course of action.

According to Lt. Col. Bill Saunders, “The plan eliminates the chance of disease transmission from cats to people on base. It also complies with existing DoD and Air Force regulations and reduces available food sources for rodents, insects and other urban animals.”

Finally, this plan also marks the first time the welfare of the cats has been taken into account ensuring they will be immunized and transported to a safe environment.”

Base-wide cooperation is essential to assure the program is properly and quickly executed. Everyone is urged not to leave food out for the cats and not to tamper with any traps.

Changes simplify ADSC program

F. Whitten Peters

Secretary of the Air Force, and

Gen. Michael E. Ryan

Air Force Chief of Staff

After years of dealing piecemeal with repeated problems related to active-duty service commitments, we decided there had to be a better way. Our airmen deserve a system they can understand.

We formed a tiger team to overhaul the entire ADSC system. The charge to the team was explicit: Make it simple! Led by Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, deputy chief of staff for plans and programs, the group has exceeded even our high expectations.

With help from across the Air Force, the team produced a new Air Force instruction that will be published June 1. Gone are page after page of charts and rules. In their place is a simple, two-chart instruction, with rules written in plain english. All service commitments will be in one instruction. There will be no more major command supplements and confusing references.

Equally important, we are creating a system that assumes our airmen are people of honesty and integrity who will live up to their commitments.

We were determined that the ADSC overhaul be accomplished quickly. From start to finish, we've been at this less than three months. But we did need to guard against unintended consequences and "gotchas" and to seek out the opinions of those who will work under the new rules.

That's why we took the time to assemble a "Red Team" of 30 airmen from all commands and walks of Air Force life. They reviewed the proposed changes and then split into two teams to apply the new rules — without help from anyone — to 15 scenarios. Each team got 14 of 15 correct. They both missed the same one, and we have rewritten that part of the instruction to make it

clearer. The Red Team also made a number of more general suggestions that were incorporated into the final version of the instruction. Their input was invaluable.

As with any major decision, we had to make tough choices. For standardization, some ADSCs are increased in the new instruction. There aren't many and we believe those changes are justified. We also had to decide who would be affected by the new rules.

After weighing the needs of the Air Force and the nation against the desires of our airmen, we decided the new service commitments will apply only to people who sign commitments after June 1.

We cannot afford to apply new rules to people who signed commitments under the old system. We have already relied on those commitments in making our force management plans, and it is just too difficult to "unring the bell." We are convinced our airmen understand this.

For those who feel an injustice has been done in the past or in the way these new rules are being implemented, we have given the commander of the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, wide latitude to grant relief. We have discussed with him what needs to be done, and we are all committed that this new system will be fair to both airmen and the taxpaying public. That commitment will guide the implementation process.

Nothing is more devastating to retention than treating people unfairly. Our goal for the past two and a half years has been to ensure the Air Force is a great place to work. This means more than lowering operations tempo, improving the quality of housing and raising pay. It also means ensuring our Air Force treats its people right.

You give us a great deal. We demand integrity, selfless service and excellence from everyone on our great team. You have every right to expect the same.

We are the world's greatest Air Force because of your dedication. Thank you for your service; you are truly the best and brightest our nation has to offer. We're honored to serve on your team.

101 Critical days of summer

Gen. Mike Ryan

Air Force Chief of Staff

The 101 critical days of summer are approaching.

This campaign has paid great dividends in the past by consistently saving more and more lives and injuries each year. The last three years have been the best in Air Force history for mishap reduction. The summer campaign has done well to change people's "just do it" attitude to a more self-controlled and informed risk-evaluating and controlling behavior.

To make this campaign a success, we must be more innovative in our approach. As our fatalities and injuries drop, we must be more direct in our identification of risk behaviors and place more effort on getting the safety message to each individual.

I expect every commander, functional manager and supervisor to be diligent in identifying activities that pose an unreasonable risk to our personnel.

The issues of driving under the influence, home and recreational safety should be well-known to everyone. I expect each individual to do their best to make positive risk decisions and to realize that an impact on mishap prevention can be made by every one.

I don't expect personnel to abstain from sports and recreational activities that involve risk, but I do expect they will be aware of and use precaution.

The highways and roads present risks to both drivers and passengers. Knowing and practicing defensive driving techniques is essential. In the last 18 months, we have lost 10 airmen who were passengers in private motor vehicles. Many of these involved reckless driving. When it's your life on the line, just going with the flow may not be your best choice.

I want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable summer, free of needless injury or loss.

We can't undo the mishaps of the past, but we can learn from them to prevent more of the same in the future.

Action Line 363-2255

The Action Line is your direct link to **Col. David E. Price**, 61st Air Base Group commander.



Its purpose is to make Los Angeles AFB a better place to work, live and play. Of course the fastest way to resolve any problem is to ask the person who can actually fix it.

Below is a list of people who can do just that:

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SMC, local community celebrate Armed Forces

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Public Affairs Office

Everyone has the opportunity to learn more about the mission of the Space and Missile Systems Center and its various organizations during the Torrance Armed Forces Day celebration today through Sunday at the Del Amo Fashion Center.

A collection of military exhibits will be located at the north end of the Del Amo Fashion Center and include eight indoor and outdoor displays from the 369th Recruiting Squadron. The Air Force exhibits will be located at the south end of the mall, entrance 11 near Robinsons-May. The exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., today; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday.

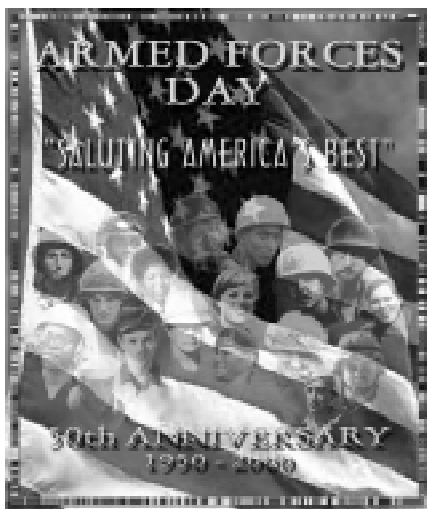
The SMC exhibits include items from the Space-Based Infrared System, Launch Programs, Defense Meteorological Satellite Program, Global Positioning System, Milsatcom, History, and

Space-Based Laser offices.

Los Angeles Air Force Base will represent the Air Force along with the other four branches of services during the celebration. The other services will also have displays and participate in an Armed Forces Day parade Saturday.

The parade starts at 2 p.m. and will include more than 50 entries and recognize the U.S. Coast Guard as this year's honored service. The parade will march along Torrance Boulevard starting at Crenshaw Boulevard and ending at Madrona Avenue.

World War II bombers will fly over Torrance the day of the parade. The B-24 Liberator and B-17 Flying Fortress fly into Zamperini Field at the Torrance Airport at about 2 p.m., Saturday, and will be on public display until Sunday. The City of Torrance, along with the 2nd Air Division, Southern California Debriefing Team and the Torrance Air Faire Association, is sponsoring this display.



Meet the new director

Colonel William G. Gardner SMC Developmental Planning

Colonel William G. Gardner is the new Director, Developmental Planning. His leadership philosophy is to "take care of your people, then mission execution becomes a whole lot easier." He emphasized the importance of trust.

His goals for Developmental Planning are to be recognized as the center of choice for obtaining innovation, creativity and intellectual underpinning on the Air Force's future space systems, operationalize collaboration and partnerships with aerospace acquirers and operational commands and spawn a new space program.

The colonel received his Air Force commission in 1976 after graduating from Norwich University, Vermont. After completing the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, he was assigned as Chief, Integration and Launch Operations, where he was responsible for managing spacecraft-to-launch vehicle integration and operations for Titan IIIs and IVs,



Col. William G. Gardner

transtages, inertial upper stages and the space shuttle. He has also served as Chief, Space Programming Branch for the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space, where, representing the Department of Defense, he helped formulate the first United States and China commercial launch trade agreement.

Colonel Gardner is from Lyons, N.Y.

Systems Acquisition makes BPA announcements

Jim Taniguchi
SMC Advisory and Assistance Services

The director of systems acquisition announced the selections for the Technical Acquisition Support Services and Financial Acquisition Support Services Blanket Purchase Agreements recently.

In the announcement, Mr. Les Bordelon said the successful TASS BPA offerors are AMCOMP, ARINC, Ibd Systems, General Research Corporation International, Inc., LOGICON, Nichols Research, PRC (Litton), Science Applications International Corporation, SenCom and SRS Technologies, Inc.

The successful FASS BPA offerors are Advanced Concepts and Technologies, International L.L.C., EER Systems, Inc., Management Consulting and Research Federal, Inc., MEVATEC Corporation, Sytex, Inc. and Tecolote Research, Inc.

The TASS and FASS BPAs are programmed to replace the current omnibus Space and Missile Systems Center Advisory and Assistance Services contracts: the Space Systems Acquisition Support II contract and the Specialized Cost Analysis Support contract.

The BPAs are based upon General Service Administration Federal Supply Service contracts with unique Department of Defense, Air Force and Air Force Materiel Command terms and conditions applied. GSA

negotiates and reviews the labor categories and rates with the individual companies and they become part of the BPAs by reference. The BPAs are not contracts, so SMC will have the ability to add or delete service contractors during the five-year lifetime of the agreement.

FASS will provide a broad range of system-oriented financial services to the SMC program offices, staff directorates and other operating locations. These services include the ten core competencies of cost estimating, cost-related research, financial training, support for acquisition reports, commitment/obligation/expenditure reconciliation, earned value analysis, market analysis/price based acquisition support, activity based costing/management expertise, total ownership cost support and schedule management assistance.

Services will be provided via delivery order contracts issued by SMC/AXC and managed by each program office. All of the FASS BPA holders are small businesses, so these delivery order contracts will also contribute to each organization's small business contracting goals.

For more information, contact the FASS Program Manager, Jim Miller, at 363-3210.

TASS is the technical and engineering counterpart to FASS, and the services available are grouped into six major categories: Systems Engineering and Inte-

gration (Requirements Analysis, Modeling and Simulation, Systems Safety and Environmental Impact, and Test & Evaluation), Management Services (Configuration and Data Management and Management Service), Specialty Acquisition Support (Manufacturing and Producibility, Quality Assurance, Reliability and Maintainability (R&M), Electromagnetic Interference/Compatibility (EMI/EMC), and Facilities and Ground Support), Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) (ILS Performance Planning, Packaging, Handling, Storage, and Transportation (PHS&T), and Continuous Acquisition and Life Cycle Support (CALS)), Computer Resources and Software (Computer Resources and Software Engineering and Office Automation), Acquisition Security (Acquisition Security Support, Space System(s) Protection Program Support, Systems Security Engineering (SSE), and Acquisition Security Training, Orientations, and Conferences).

The TASS Management Services area was set aside for small businesses only. However, the small business TASS BPA holders are also qualified to provide support in the other five areas.

For details about establishing a TASS delivery order contract in your organization, call the TASS Program Manager, Corrine Heine, at 363-0340.

SMC: Proud member of the Lean Aerospace Initiative

Mona Saleh
Systems Acquisition Directorate

The Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center is an active member of the Lean Aerospace Initiative. In the past three years, the space sector was integrated into the initiative, and the new Test and Space Operations focus team was formed. The LAI consortium, which joins personnel from defense firms, labor unions, the U.S. Air Force and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is aimed at reducing cycle time and costs while improving product performance of aerospace systems. LAI provides a collaborative environment to define areas of enabling research and development, benchmark and share experience and knowledge, and stimulate implementation of lean practices. The Chief Engineers Office (SMC/AX) is the Center Focal Point for LAI. AX (with Aerospace support) is sponsoring LAI research students and provides them with the necessary advice and support.

The Lean Aerospace Initiative recently entered Phase III (Sep 1999 - Sep 2002) focusing on delivering the products of past and ongoing LAI Research to consortium members. Dr. Sheila Widnall, Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at MIT, and former Secretary of the Air Force, is MIT co-chair of the LAI executive board. She is actively engaged in LAI. Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini represents SMC at the LAI executive board meetings. Dr. Daniel Hastings, also a Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics and former chief scientist of the Air Force, is also actively engaged as Co-Lead of the Test and Space Operations research team.

Acquisition & Logistics Reform Week at SMC

During the Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week, Dr. Earll Murman, MIT Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics & Program Co-Director of Lean Aerospace Initiative, and Dr. Joyce Warmkessel, senior lecturer in MIT's Aeronautics and Astronautics Department and the

Test and Space Operations Research co-lead, will visit SMC to present two workshops on May 22.

During the first workshop, Dr. Warmkessel will brief an overview of LAI. Her TSO student, Ms. Annalisa Weigel, will brief her near-complete research on "Spacecraft System-Level Integration and Test Discrepancies." The second workshop will address the results of two recently completed studies. The topic of "Pre-milestone I Requirements Generation" will be presented by Capt. Robb Wirthlin of SMC, a former LAI Research Student, and Dr. Murman will brief "Software requirements generation from their system level requirements."

'Lean' Defined

The principles of lean thinking were first documented in the U.S. by researchers from MIT's International Motor Vehicle Program (IMVP) and in the book *The Machine That Changed the World* by James Womack, Daniel Jones and Daniel Roos. Lean is a way to "do more and more with less and less" – less human effort, less inventory, less time and less cost – "while coming closer and closer to providing customers with exactly what they want." Lean provides a way to make work more satisfying by providing immediate feedback on efforts and to convert waste into value. It provides a way to create new opportunities rather than simply eliminating jobs in the name of efficiency.

Beginnings of LAI

LAI is funded \$3.8 million annually through a cooperative agreement between the government, industry and MIT. In addition to the TSO group, other research groups in the initiative are Acquisition, Product Development, Manufacturing Systems, Organizations & People, and Supplier Networks.

LAI Acts as Neutral Party and Repository of Ideas

Since 1993, LAI has proven to be a very successful forum for research and the exchange of information and ideas to improve product performance by impacting the

value chains of cost, cycle time and process improvement. The results of LAI research have made their way into the Air Force and other companies including the top three defense contractors--Lockheed Martin Corp, Boeing Co. and Raytheon. SAF/AQ has recently adopted the results of Maj. Ross McNutt's LAI research, which highlighted what drives long acquisition response times. This resulted in the formation of two reinvention teams. One, led by SMC, is determining how to provide effective schedule-based incentives for contractors and government personnel to shorten development time where appropriate. The other team, led by the Aeronautical Systems Center is determining what schedule tools, if any, are required to develop and evaluate project schedules. LAI is also currently formulating policy recommendations for the Air Force based upon the recently completed Requirements Generation research.

For more information on Lean Aerospace Initiative, please contact Mona Saleh of SMC/AXEM at 363-3234.

DSMC/APMC forms due June 2

Qualified acquisitions personnel interested in applying for one of the two Defense Systems Management College's CY 2001 Advanced Program Management courses must submit an application to the systems acquisition directorate no later than close of business June 2.

The course is open to grades O-4 selects through O-6, GS-13 through GS/GM-15 and broadband. Applicants must also have at least four years of coded acquisition experience, a "secret" clearance and meet certain educational prerequisites.

Those selected by SMC will be forwarded to SAF/AQ to be considered for final selection to the course.

For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Brinton Lincoln at 363-5328.

Blotter: Security forces respond to giant lizards

Medical emergency

Los Angeles City Fire Department paramedics and security forces personnel responded to Fort MacArthur housing to assist the wife of an Air Force member who was experiencing pregnancy complications. After an initial assessment, the paramedics transported her to the San Pedro Peninsula Hospital for treatment and observation.

Personal property damage

An Air Force member reported to security forces that the son of another Air Force member had damaged the driver's side mirror of his car while the car was parked at his residence at the Pacific Crest housing area.

An AAFES employee reported damage to a vending machine at the Fort MacArthur Shoppette. The employee said the incident occurred during a party sponsored by an Air Force employee the previous night. Security forces are investigating the incident.

A retired Army member reported damage to the rear bumper of his rental car while the vehicle was parked in the billeting parking lot at Fort MacArthur. Security forces personnel responded and are investigating the incident.

Government property damage

The wife of an Army member reported that someone had pulled the hinges from the back gate of her residence at Fort MacArthur on two separate occasions, and the gate was left on the ground. Security forces personnel responded and are investigating the incident.

An Air Force civilian employee reported the men's restrooms in the community center at Fort MacArthur had been damaged. Security forces personnel responded

and are investigating the incident.

An Air Force member living at Fort MacArthur reported his living room window had been broken while he was on leave. Security forces personnel responded and are investigating the incident.

Domestic disturbance

Security Forces responded to two separate reports of domestic disturbance at the Fort MacArthur housing area. Security forces personnel made contact with the individuals involved. Investigations revealed the disturbances were verbal in nature and no crimes had been committed.

Assistance rendered

The wife of an Air Force member reported that while she was attempting to clean her residence, she observed what appeared to be a snake just inside the front door of the house. Security forces personnel responded. Security forces personnel located the reptile, which turned out to be a large lizard. Security forces personnel removed the lizard from the residence and released it outside of the installation.

Shoplifting

A Navy Reserve member, a son of a retired Army member and a civilian were detained on separate occasions at the base exchange for shoplifting. Security forces personnel and the El Segundo City Police Department responded. Security forces personnel issued the individuals suspension-of-base-exchange-and-commissary-privileges letters. El Segundo City Police cited the individuals for petty theft, and escorted them off the installation.

Fraudulent forms of identification

Security forces entry controller at the Aviation gate to Area B detained a civilian who was traveling with a Navy member for possession of a fraudulent identification card and unauthorized possession of a Department of Defense vehicle decal. The individual admitted the identification was fraudulent. Security forces are investigating the incident.

Unlawful trespassing

Two wives of Air Force members reported an unidentified individual had climbed over the perimeter fence onto the Pacific Heights housing area and then back over and was standing at the corner of 25th Street and Paseo Del Mar. Security forces personnel responded and made contact with the individual. Los Angeles City Police, Harbor Division, personnel were contacted and responded. A field interview was conducted and the individual was released.

An unidentified individual contacted the security forces entry controller at the 24th Street Gate and related he had observed two juveniles climb through a hole in the perimeter fenceline just west of the Fort MacArthur community center. Security forces personnel responded and detained the two individuals. Los Angeles City Police, Harbor Division, personnel were contacted and responded. The two individuals were cited for trespassing by the Los Angeles City Police and taken into custody.



Active duty service commitments streamlined

WASHINGTON – In response to concerns from the field, Air Force leaders have simplified and standardized the active duty service commitment policy — making it less cumbersome and easier to understand.

Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan approved the new ADSC plan.

“The new ADSC Air Force instruction and tables are simple and easy to understand,” Secretary Peters said. “But, more importantly, they are designed to be fair to the individual service member. This is simply the right thing to do — nothing can be more devastating in my mind — than not treating people fairly.”

The revision comes after a month-long review by an integrated process team appointed by the secretary and chief to fix the ADSC problems. Led by Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, deputy chief of staff for plans and programs, the team was tasked to come up with a plan to simplify and standardize ADSCs.

“Our guidance to the IPT was simple,” said General Ryan. “Create an easily understood program that is fair and equitable to the Air Force and its members.”

During review of the existing program, the team found the rules and tables governing ADSCs to be complex and

ambiguous, often contributing to incorrect documentation. The new program lets airmen plan their careers while allowing the Air Force to manage force requirements.

“We took the ADSC AFI from 15 tables and 189 rules down to only two tables and 34 rules,” explained General DeKok. “Our primary premise was simplicity.

“The ADSC program, however, should also not nickel-and-dime our troops for service owed, but rather be a tool that shows a mutual faith and trust for our service to our country,” he said. “The new program puts the trust back where it belongs — in our people.”

The major changes hit three primary areas: advanced flying training, education and training and promotions. Changes to flying training include standardized pilot commitments of 10 years — regardless of weapon system or major command — and eliminating ADSCs for in-unit training.

Additionally, 95 percent of education and training ADSCs were eliminated for courses under 20 weeks. This involved approximately 5,600 courses. ADSCs will also move to a standardized three years for all courses over 20 weeks. This includes Air Force Institute of Technology masters degree programs. AFIT doctorate programs will stabilize at a five-year commitment, and

ADSCs will be eliminated for Squadron Officer School.

Federal statutes govern time-in-grade retirement requirements for senior officers. Given these statutory mandates for officer retirements, the previous two-year ADSC associated with promotions for major through colonel was not needed and has been eliminated.

Given the absence of comparable statutory restrictions on enlisted time-in-grade retirement requirements, and Defense Department regulatory requirements that senior non-commissioned officer promotions carry an ADSC, the two-year ADSC remains for promotions to E-7, E-8 and E-9.

Air Force members will maintain their current ADSCs — as reflected on the signed Air Force Forms 63 in their personnel files. When the new AFI goes into effect June 1, airmen will move under the new rules as they sign new ADSC commitments. This will primarily occur as people undergo a permanent change of station or attend extensive training.

For those who feel an injustice has been done in the past or in the way the new rules are being implemented, the Air Force Personnel Center commander has been given wide latitude to grant relief.

The new ADSC tables are available online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

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Today

Got a good story? The staff of the video program, ‘SMC Today’, would love to hear about it. To submit story ideas for ‘SMC Today’, call Terry Hagar at 363-2465.

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Process Assurance and Its Role in Ensuring OSS&E
Bldg 125/Room 1338

Reformed Supply Support Program (RSSP)
Bldg 105/Room 1420

Sustainment Considerations in Commercial Acquisition
Bldg 100/Room 1242

The Lean Aerospace Initiative, Part I: Overview and Improving Spacecraft Testing
Bldg 110/Room 1234

Who Moved My Cheese: Interactive Program-How to Use Change in ALR as a Positive Driving Force
Bldg 120/Daedalian Room

Monday, May 22
3 — 4:30 p.m.

COTS Evaluation for Satellite Control Acquisitions
Bldg 100/Room 1242

Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)
Bldg 125/Room 1338

The Lean Aerospace Initiative, Part II: Seeing and Improving the Requirements Generation Value Stream
Bldg 110/Room 1234

Tuesday, May 23
7:15 — 8:45 a.m.

Risk Management Tools and Techniques to Enance OSS&
Bldg 110/Room 1234

Role of Market Analysis in the Acquisition Strategy Process
Bldg 100/Room 1242

Streamlining The Acquisition Process, Launch Programs Contract Change Process
Bldg 125/Room 1338

Tuesday, May 23
9 — 10:30 a.m.

An Overview of Lightning Bolts and Reinvention Teams
Bldg 115/Room 2360

Contract Consolidation Project, An Acquisition Reform Success Story
Bldg 110/Room 2324

Cost Forum
Bldg 100/Room 1330

Knowledge Familiarization
Bldg 115/Room 1230

Market Research Fundamentals
Bldg 120/Room 1032

Orientation R-TOC
Bldg 105/Room 1420

Past Performance Assessment Report (CPAR)
Bldg 100/Room 1242

The Joint Technical Architecture (JTA) and JTA-Air Force: Standard for Interoperability

Bldg 125/Room 1338

The Launch BAR and Satellite Review
Bldg 110/Room 1234

Tuesday, May 23
10:45 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.

CAIV Implementation Discussion and Gapfiller/AEHF Satellite Experiences
The Aerospace Corporation's Bldg A8/Main VTC

Commercial Space Business Case Development
Bldg 115/Room 2360

Risk Management as Applied to the Acquisition Process
Bldg 120/Room 1032

The Defense Information Infrastructure (DII) Common Operating Environment (COE): Application to SMC Programs
Bldg 125/Room 1338

What are the Barriers to Successful OSS&E Improvement Activities and How Do We Overcome Them?
Bldg 100/Room 1330

Tuesday, May 23
1:15 — 2:45 p.m.

Business Case of Contractor Incentives for Shortening the Development Cycle Time
Bldg 100/Room 1242

Gapfiller Lessons Learned in Market Research
Bldg 125/Room 1338

Orientation R-TOC
Bldg 105/Room 1420

Reform Week Curriculum

Risk Management Implementation Lessons
Bldg 120/Room 1032

The Launch Broad Area Review & Satellite Review: Where Do We Go From Here?
Bldg 110/Room 1234

Tuesday, May 23
3 — 4:30 p.m.

Commercial Acquisition Fundamentals
Bldg 100/Room 1242

AFTOC Database
Bldg 105/Room 1420

Wednesday, May 24
7:15 — 8:45 a.m.

Trends in Communications Satellites
Bldg 100/Room 1242

Wednesday, May 24
9 — 10:30 a.m.

CAIV Panel
Bldg 110/Room 1234

Comm. Acquisitions & Partnerships: Industry Perspective
Bldg 120/Room 1032

Cost Savings Modernization Initiative (CSMI) Part 1 of 4
The Aerospace Corporation's Bldg D8/Room 3705

EELV Lessons Learned in Commercial Acquisition
Bldg 110/Room 2324

Risk Management Tools and Techniques to Enhance OSS&E
Bldg 105/Room 1420

Selecting a Capable Software Contractor, Part I: The Capability Maturity Model® for Software (SW-CMM®)
Bldg 125/Room 1338

Who Moved My Cheese: Interactive Program-How to Use Change in ALR as a Positive Driving Force
The Aerospace Corporation's Bldg A8/Main VTC

Wednesday, May 24
10:45 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.

Cost Savings Modernization Initiative (CSMI) Part 2 of 4
The Aerospace Corporation's Bldg D8/Room 3705

PEM, PPBS & You: Operate Better in Fiscally Hostile Environment
The Aerospace Corporation's Bldg A8/Main VTC

Risk Management Applications
Bldg 100/Room 1242

Selecting a Capable Software Contractor, Part II: Contractor Capability Evaluations
Bldg 125/Room 1338

Solutions to Challenges of the Comm. Space Marketplace
Bldg 110/Room 1234

Wednesday, May 24
1:15 — 2:45 p.m.

Commercial Acquisition Practices and the Air Force
Bldg 115/Room 2360

Contingency Contracting in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Sarajevo
The Aerospace Corporation's Bldg A8/Main VTC

Cost Savings Modernization Initiative (CSMI) Part 3 of 4
The Aerospace Corporation's Bldg D8/Room 3705

Historical SMC/NRO Satellite Acquisition Strategy
Bldg 125/Room 1338

Industry & Government RFP Interaction
Bldg 120/ASOC

Risk Management Panel
Bldg 110/Room 1234

Wednesday, May 24
3 — 4:30 p.m.

A Successful Commercial Acquisition
Bldg 110/Room 1234

Contingency Contracting in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Sarajevo
Bldg 125/Room 1338

Cost Savings Modernization Initiative (CSMI) Part 4 of 4
The Aerospace Corporation's Bldg D8/Room 3705

Thursday, May 25
7:15 — 8:45 a.m.

A Successful Commercial Acquisition
Bldg 100/Room 1242

Thursday, May 25
9 — 10 a.m.

VIP Speech
Area "A" mall

Thursday, May 25
10:15 a.m. — 12:10 p.m.

Executive Panel
Bldg 120/Ballroom

Thursday, May 25
10:15 a.m. — 12:10 p.m.

Industry & Government RFP Interaction
Bldg 120/ASOC

Introduction to Environmental Life Cycle Costing
Bldg 100/Room 1242

Market Research Fundamentals
Bldg 110/Room 1234

Who Moved My Cheese: Interactive Program-How to Use Change in ALR as a Positive Driving Force
Bldg 125/Room 1338

Thursday, May 25
1:15 — 2:45 p.m.

Applying Operational Risk Management to the Real World
Bldg 100/Room 1330

Commercial Launch Vehicles: Today and Tomorrow
Bldg 110/Room 1234

PEM, PPBS and You: Operate Better in a Fiscally Hostile Environment
Bldg 125/Room 1338

Risk Management Case Studies Seminar Part 1 of 2
The Aerospace Corporation's Bldg A1/Room 1062

Source of Repair Assignment Process (SORAP)
Bldg 110/Room 1234

Thursday, May 25
3 — 4:30 p.m.

Risk Management Case Studies Seminar Part 2 of 2
The Aerospace Corporation's Bldg A1/Room 1062

Instructions for Workshop registration are available at www.ax.losangeles.af.mil/axd/alr2000/alr2000.htm or go to the SMC Home Page at www.laafb.af.mil/ and select "Acquisition Support" on the left side of the page, which will take you to SMC/AXD Home Page. You then click on "ALRW 2000."

Everyone will benefit from ALR week

Col. Michael Kaye
Chief, Acquisition Support Division

Acquisition Reform has been studied and discussed for decades—the 1949 Hoover Commission started a series of reports over the last 50 years. Although the early '90s saw successful initiatives like integrated product teams, the current “era” essentially started in 1995. In that year, Dr. Perry, the Secretary of Defense, directed elimination of Mil-Standards and Specifications not absolutely needed. In addition, Ms. Druyun, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition and Management, initiated the first round of “Lightning Bolts,” designed to accelerate change in the acquisition process. Close on the heels of those initiatives came the idea for a standdown period to focus on Acquisition Reform training.

SMC's theme for this year's Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week (ALRW) is “Mission Assurance At Reduced Total Ownership Cost.” This recognizes that mission assurance is Job 1 if we are going to meet warfighter needs. It also recognizes the need for reducing acquisition and sustainment costs remaining a critical priority. ALRW begins Monday, May 22, and will run through Friday, May 26. Our objective is to facilitate and drive changes in our processes to meet the challenge our theme presents.

SMC has been a leader in Acquisition Reform accomplishing to date:

The Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) Program Office won the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award for utilizing early industry involvement, partnering agreements, proactive use of Cost As an Independent Variable, an “insight vs. oversight” approach, and commercial industry's best business practices to achieve a 31% life cycle cost reduction over current systems. The program was also the recipient of the Department of Defense's 1999 Award for Outstanding Achievement through Value Engineering.

Space-Based Infrared Systems (SBIRS) spearheaded Cost as an Independent Variable (CAIV) implementation; in addition SBIRS and EELV initiated use of Statements of Objectives (SOO) and Single Acquisition Management Plans (SAMP). Recently, SBIRS-Low greatly facilitated discussions with offerors by providing a new level of visibility to proposal assessments. The program office has also led Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space, DCMC, DCAA and AFCAA to new levels of partnering in restructuring the program to adjust to a partial two-year slip.

The Global Positioning System (GPS) Miniaturized Airborne GPS Receiver (MAGR-2000) involved Industry in finalizing the RFP and employed “hard bargaining.” The GPS IIF satellite contract drasti-

cally slashed the amount of paper used in acquisition, implemented commercial practices to a large degree and incorporated an on-orbit warranty. GPS is continuing innovation in formulating strategies for Modernization, ground receivers and the next generation satellites by involving Industry in analyzing customer requirements, conducting CAIV trade studies and instituting streamlined techniques to reduce acquisition lead time.

The Advanced Systems Directorate used a joint venture arrangement to acquire the Space Based Laser Integrated Flight Experiment (SBL IFX). The primary purpose of the Joint Venture is to ensure the Government receives maximum benefit from limited dollars by having future competitors for the operational system work together and contribute their expertise to the IFX phase. Also, the project is being acquired in increments approximately one to two years duration. The amount of work acquired in each increment will be based on the budget received. This will reduce costs that would normally be expended to restructure the project every year due to anticipated large fluctuations in funding. Finally, the Joint Venture Team and the project office pioneered a concept called total system authority that has greatly expanded the Joint Venture's role in overall project management. Additionally, the Directorate has been developing an acquisition strategy to hire a prime integrating contractor (PIC). To the extent feasible, the PIC will be responsible for architectural engineering, system engineering, sustainment and development of new systems. The expectation is that better integrated and more cost-effective systems will be delivered to the user.

Launch Programs has initiated over 100 corrective actions as a result of the Spacelift Broad Area Review and mishap investigation boards. We have clearly made mission success our #1 priority by implementing a new Commander's Flight Readiness Review certification process, beginning with the successful launch of Titan IVB-12 in May 99. We have also instituted an Operational Safety, Suitability and Effectiveness Process, including a new Chief Engineer program to capture and share lessons learned and a program-specific OSS&E Plan.

The Contracting Directorate has been building new bridges to Industry to establish dialogue aimed at improved partnering for systems acquisition. PK has hosted several sessions with Industry to brainstorm ways of improving Government/Industry partnering. In addition, matrixed personnel have been instrumental in virtually all the initiatives highlighted in this article.

Satellite and Launch Control Systems Program Office is working to consolidate contracts on both the Satellite Control Network and the Space Lift Range System. In

addition, they dramatically opened the door to Industry involvement in writing the RFP through use of an interactive, computer brainstorming tool to analyze program risks and identify key discriminators. Industry representatives at the Vice President level were glowing in their praise for “new levels of openness.”

Test and Evaluation's (TE) source selection team for their Space Test and Engineering Contract (STEC-99) won the 1999 Air Force DoD Value Engineering Award for innovation and streamlining. The team broke new ground in innovative use of oral presentations—contractors were presented real-world type problems and given limited time to prepare analysis and solution approach—and in maximizing openness with Industry to the point that several high-quality offerors were encouraged to challenge the 30-yr incumbent. After a close competition, which a non-incumbent won, the team provided detailed, open debriefings—setting a new paradigm for communication with Industry. The source selection team for TE's Engineering, Development, and Sustainment Contract follow-on (EDS 2001) is applying the principles used in STEC '99 and hopes to reach even higher levels of effectiveness.

Defense Meteorological Satellite Program, together with the multi-Agency Integrated Program Office, has streamlined source selection procedures for the National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS). In addition, the program office is working with Industry partners to consolidate sensor support contracts. The program is still moving forward on convergence of DoD, DoC and NASA weather agencies into one government agency providing weather product results in overall cost reduction to the Government. They have completed the consolidation of satellite sensor suite support and services contracts, which will result in cost and manpower reduction.

The MILSATCOM Program Office Advanced EHF Program Estimating Team achieved such new levels of understanding in their cost estimate that Ms. Druyun (SAF/AQ), as well as the OSD and Air Force Cost Analysis Investment Groups (CAIG), cited them as models for other programs. The SPO has reached new levels of Industry involvement in formulating the strategy for the MILSATCOM Integrated Satellite Control System in maximizing use of commercially available products, and using a competitive capability demonstration using an excess DSCS satellite prior to entering EMD. In addition to using similar Industry involvement, innovative application of commercial practices and FAR Part 12 acquisition to contracting for Wideband Gapfiller satellites will reduce Government costs and risks.

Airborne Laser System has built a pro-

gram team fully integrated with their contractors; as a result, working efficiencies have been maximized. In addition, the program used streamlined commercial practices to buy the Boeing 747 aircraft.

The Comptroller Directorate has taken Los Angeles AFB into the paperless environment for financial transactions.

The Systems Acquisition Directorate (AX) has been leading Activity Based Costing (ABC) implementation for the Product Support Business Area and also been leading SMC in the Lean Aerospace Initiative with Industry to improve acquisition processes. Also, AX has been leading implementation of Operational Safety, Suitability and Effectiveness for all space systems.

Our Acquisition Support Team (AST) was the first to be a “womb to tomb” staff office covering acquisition strategies, RFP preparation and source selection. They have consistently drawn high customer program kudos for support through all pre-award acquisition activities. They have also initiated a project to facilitate Government/Industry IPTs in baselining their programs for execution success.

SMC has led two SAF/AQ Reinvention Teams and participated in several others. The CAIV/Sustainment Emphasis in the Requirements Process Team collaborated with SAF/AQXT in publishing a Reduction in Total Ownership Cost (R-TOC) Guide and submitted recommendations adopted by the HAF 2002 Requirements Reengineering Team. Col Kaye has since continued efforts to improve CAIV implementation with Industry and reach closure with the other Services on CAIV construct. Mr. William Floyd, SMC/AXC, heads the Government/Industry team for Contractor Incentives for Schedule, which has defined a source selection evaluation process for assessing proposal schedules and has developed a candidate list of contract incentives for schedule.

SMC has been a leader in implementing SAF/AQ Lightning Bolt direction. The Center formed an office for market research that made significant contributions to formulation of the strategy for MILSATCOM Integrated Satellite Control System.

So with all these successes (SAF/AQ estimates \$30 billion saved or costs avoided to date), why are we still focusing on Acquisition Reform? The fact is that Acquisition Reform is not an event or a milestone, but a process! We cannot afford to rest—our weapons systems are aging, and our processes have not been able to keep pace with technological advances. Also, growing system development costs and decreasing funding are squeezing our modernization budgets. The bottom line is we must slash the cost of doing business NOW to fund modernization for the 21st Century: We still need to provide Mission Assurance at Reduced Total Ownership Cost!

Judaic observance emphasizes golden rule

David Sofer

During June, Jews around the world will celebrate the holiday of *Shavuot* (Sha-voo-öt).

Shavuot begins at sundown June 8 and ends after dusk on June 10. It's a holiday with an unusual name but contains a familiar concept.

Shavuot honors receiving the *Torah*, the Jewish bible, commonly referred to as the old testament, on Mt. Sinai. The holiday is highlighted by reading the Ten Commandments in Jewish synagogues.

Jewish teachings explain that the bible was given to all humankind, not just the Jews.

While other faiths do not follow particular laws and rituals discussed in the old testament, the idea of treating all human beings with respect and kindness is

a principle everyone can learn from.

A well-known story exemplifies this principle. In ancient times, a Rabbi named Hillel was approached by a Roman statesman.

The Roman asked the rabbi to teach him the Jewish bible while standing on one foot. The rabbi lifted his foot and responded "do unto others as you would do unto yourself. The rest is just commentary."

You won't find the golden rule in the federal, state or city law books. It's not even discussed in an AFI. But those who observe it brighten the world in the process.

Living in a metropolis makes it easy to become self-centered and lose a sense of community. Let this time of year be a reminder that every person has emotions and physical needs that can be supported with a helping hand.

Have you ever been 10 yards from the main entrance of building 120 and the door slams shut? Wouldn't you appreciate another person holding the door for you? Next time you're at the entrance, consider holding the door for the person who's five seconds behind you.

The start of the PCS season is here. Do you remember being a newcomer at Los Angeles AFB? Confusing office symbols, new buildings, unfamiliar procedures.

If you see a newcomer, greet him or her with a smile and a friendly introduction. Take a few minutes to make the person feel welcome.

Likewise, even SMC veterans have computer trouble. If you think you might be able to help, step away from your desk and see if you can assist in solving the problem.

This principle can be practiced any-

where with hardly any effort. Sincere complements brighten anyone's day. You may remember your mother's words "if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say it." Try to avoid unnecessary criticism, and if you have constructive comments, offer them tactfully and in private.

The earth can also use a helping hand. Perhaps start a resolution to pick up *just one* piece of trash while walking across the parking lot each morning. React the same way as if that empty paper cup was on your front lawn.

By practicing the golden rule you'll gain a sense of personal fulfillment, and you may even find your kind gestures being extended to you one day.

For further information about Shavuoth, please contact Capt. Jesse Arnstein (the Los Angeles AFB Jewish Lay leader) at 363-5681.

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

Everyone is invited to attend the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month awards ceremony today at 11:15 a.m. The ceremony will be held in Building A1 Auditorium at The Aerospace Corporation. For more information, call Ratna Ramirez at 336-4888, Wilbert Woo at 363-6996 or Lt. Col. Rey Carpio at 363-6670.

Civilian employees Training 2000

Special emphasis program managers will conduct Civilian Employees Training 2000 May 26 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Daedalian Room at The Club. Topics covered will include career broadening and development, how to move between career fields, Defense Logistics Acquisition Management Programs, Developmental Opportunity Program, career and non-career programs, Shaping SMC Workforce 2005, education and training, civilian awards and more. For more information, call Ching Shelton at 363-2719, Dorothy Brown at 363-0821, Sue Glass at 363-5463, Phil Sanchez at 336-4735 or Ron Guillen at 363-5340.

Health and fitness

A health fair will be held at Fort MacArthur Hall, Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at the Area B Fitness Center on Monday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Education

Point Fermin Elementary School is hosting an open house May 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the school’s auditorium.

All military personnel living at Fort MacArthur with children ready for kindergarten (must be 5 years old by Dec. 2) are encouraged to attend. Point Fermin will also have an open house June 8. Any interested personnel are welcomed to attend from 6 to 8 p.m.

Golf tournament

The 20th Annual SMC/PK golf tournament will be June 5 at the Los Alamitos Navy Golf Course. The tournament format will be best ball and team scramble. Fees are \$40 for E5/GS 7 and below, \$45 for E6 - O2 / GS 8 - GS 11, \$50 for O3/GS 12 and above and \$65 for civilian guests. Entry fee includes green fee, cart, dinner and prizes. The tournament schedule is noon – 12:45 p.m. registration, 1 p.m. shotgun start, 6 – 7 p.m. dinner and awards. No handicap required to play. You may sign up as an individual without teammates or a team (up to four players). To sign up or get more information, call Judy Parnock (310) 363-4214 or Brian Reiver at (310) 363-6819.

Self-help extends hours

The Fort MacArthur Self-Help store has extended its hours. Now the store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. These hours will be in effect throughout the summer. For more information, call Andy Craddock at 363-8310.

AFA 2000 salute banquet

The Air Force Association Gen. Bernard Schriever Los Angeles Chapter 147 will host the AFA 2000 Salute Banquet Friday, July 28. SMC Public Affairs will solicit award nominations honoring SMC personnel at the end of April.

Astro News deadlines

The Los Angeles AFB paper, the *Astro News*, is published every other week on Friday. The editorial office is located within the Space and Missile Systems Center Public Affairs Office in Building 105, Room 4049, in Area A. The telephone number is (310) 363-1221.

Deadline for article submissions is Thursday, noon, the week before the publication date. Articles should be sent via e-mail to the editor at **SMC.PA.Astronews@losangeles.af.mil** or sent on disk. The mailing address is: SMC/PAI -- Astro News editor 2420 Vela Way, Suite 1467 El Segundo, Calif. 90245-4659

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July 14	July 6
July 28	July 20

Wright-Patterson hosts fourth Air Force Marathon

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — Wright-Patterson will host the fourth U.S. Air Force Marathon here Sept. 16.

Thousands of athletes are toning up for this annual event, which pits runners from all walks of life against one of the toughest and most scenic courses in the country.

More than 2,800 participated in last year's test of endurance, racing against military and civilian runners from all four military services, every state and 10 other countries. Tony Meyers, a 35-year-old sergeant major in the Belgian air force, won the 1999 race.

Run on a U.S. Track and Field certified course, the Air Force Marathon takes participants past sites tied to historic military aviation feats — such as Huffman Prairie and the Wright Brothers Memorial — as well as static displays of various aircraft currently in the Air Force inventory. Runners are also treated to water and aid stations at numerous sites along the course, and snack stations at the end of the course, manned by more than 2,000

base and local volunteers.

As in the past, runners will be competing in several categories, including individual and wheelchair, marathon team, and Ekiden-style relay team categories.

Runners receive Air Force medallions, T-shirts and patches. The entry fee for individual and wheelchair participants is \$35 if post-marked before July 1 or \$45 if post-marked between July 1 and Aug. 31. Marathon team fees are \$175 before July 1 or \$225 between July 1 and Aug. 31. Relay team fees are



Some 2,800 runners entered in last year's Air Force Marathon run past a KC-10 Extender at the race's 10-mile point.

For more information or to register for the marathon, visit the official U.S. Air Force marathon Web site at: www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil or call the marathon office at (937) 257-4350 or 1-800-467-1823.

Fundraising at Summer Bash

Anyone planning to have a fund raising booth at this year's Summer Bash, held July 4 at Fort MacArthur, must sign up. Also, changes have been made to the registration process. For more information or to register, call Kathleen Thelen at 363-0305.

Save at Services

The Services Squadron is offering everyone an opportunity to make their money go further. Preferred Plus is now underway. Plus members save 10 percent on all purchases at most Services facilities as well as gain access to The Club. It's as simple as showing your Services club card at the time of purchase. You do not have to charge the purchase on your card to receive the discount, just simply show it. Plus Perks! include:

- 10 percent discount every time, all the time, on goods and services at most Services facilities including the Auto Skills Center, Outdoor Recreation and The Club
 - Club Membership
 - Special programs for Preferred Plus! members only
- Enrollment is automatic for current club members. If you are not a club member, visit any Services facility to pick up your application to become a Preferred Plus! member and start saving today. For more information, call 363-2230.

The Club 363-2230

May's membership special is Chili Cheese Onion Fries for \$1.95.

The Club has a barbecue every Thursday this summer in the Area A Mall. Barbecued food is served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Items are priced a la carte and may include ribs, chicken, hamburgers, hot links, potato salad, corn cobbetts, baked beans, coleslaw and fresh fruit.

The Club hosts a Summer Splash Membership Party June 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. This free event offers food and door prizes and is open to Preferred Plus! members only.

Every Friday the bar is open at 4 p.m. Free snacks are available to club members. The DJ starts playing at 5 p.m.

The Barber Shop is open from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays and is located in Bldg. 120 on the lower level floor. For more information, call 3-1733.

Vet Clinic 363-8269

The Vet Clinic accepts VISA and MasterCard.

The Vet is scheduled to be in Thursday and June 9. Appointments may be made by calling 363-8269. Messages may be left on the answering machine when the clinic is closed. Please state name, phone number, animal name and species as well as the kind of appointment needed. The clinic will call you back with an appointment.

Youth Services 363-8383

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 years of age won't want to miss out on this great opportunity — Kidz Korner. The youth center offers kid-friendly activities through out the summer break. Activities include field trips, swimming, unsurpassed art creations, cooking projects, community service projects, hiking and sports events. Camp is a full-day care program. Fees are set on a sliding scale based on the annual income of both parents. Registration for the LA Experience Summer Camp is underway for the June 26 to September 1 camp. Registration deadline is May 28.

Anyone may join us June 2 at 4 p.m. to begin work on our float for the 4th of July parade.

Los Angeles AFB Family Member Support Flight is participating in Project 2000. Project 2000 is a collection of donated food and clothing items that will be donated to the community and to the homeless. The project is sponsored by the Youth Center. The drop-off points are both Child Development Centers, the Community Center and the Youth Center.

Children 12 or older may attend the TV taping of "Hang Time" Thursday. The bus departs the Youth Center at 2:15 p.m. and returns at approximately 8:30 p.m. This trip has limited seating so register by Saturday. The trip will include dinner after the taping so please bring money for your meal.

Check out rail riding and new skater moves at the Teen Center. The demonstration, presented by "Soaps," is June 9 at 3:30 p.m. All ages are invited to attend this free event.

Youth Activity members between 5 and 12 can learn Karate. Free karate classes are held every Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. on the upper floor of the Youth Activities Center.

Child Development Center 363-8335

El Segundo

All CDC fathers are invited to attend a Father's Day Breakfast June 9 at 8 a.m. Please RSVP by June 2.

Fort Mac

The Fort MacArthur CDC hosts a Parent Workshop on Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. The topic is Chemical Abuse. Please call 363-8335 to sign up for this informative workshop.

We are inviting all of our fathers to a special night out with their children at the Fort Mac CDC June 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. Dinner will be served. Fathers and children will do a special craft together. Please sign up in your child's room by June 14.

The Fort MacArthur CDC has immediate openings for ages 12 to 24 months. If you would like more information, please contact Nancy at 363-8335.

The Community Center 363-8225

"Come on Down — You could be the next contestant on "The Price Is Right." The next tour is June 8. This trip departs at 9:30 a.m. from the Community Center and returns by 5 p.m. The signup deadline is June 6. The trip costs \$6 per person. Remember to bring two forms of identification or you will not be admitted to the show. Due to the popularity of this tour, the trip fee is due at time of reservations.

There will be a piano recital at the Community Center June 11 from 2 to 5 p.m. This is a free event and is open to the base community. A reception follows the recital.

The Community Center will be offering CPR Training June 12 and 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. The class is \$5. Participants must attend both nights to receive your CPR card. This training is open to all identification cardholders ages 14 and over.

A trip to see a taping of the Jaime Foxx Show is June 20. The trip departs the Community Center at 3 p.m. and returns at 9 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person and registration deadline is June 16.

Fort Mac Hall — 363-8412

The Community Center has a game night June 6 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Fort Mac Hall in building 425. The night is free and open to all identification cardholders

ages 18 and over and their guests. Several board games as well as cards will be available, or bring your own.

The Community Center hosts "Mommy and Me" June 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Mac Hall. This session is free. Moms (and Dads too) come on out with your toddlers for a morning of exercise and fun.

Tickets & Information 363-2190

San Diego Padres tickets are now available at tickets and information.

Outdoor Rec

Do you want to go camping with the family, but don't have the time? Or energy? Or equipment? Let Outdoor Recreation do the work for you on June 23-24. We will set up the tents for you and take them back down when finished. Or if you like, we will teach you how to set up your own. We will provide the sleeping bags, sleeping mats or cots, lanterns, stoves, water jugs., etc. We will cook dinner for you that evening and breakfast the next morning. Camping will be at the Fort MacArthur swimming pool pavilion. At 10 a.m. Saturday morning, we will open the pool for two hours of free swimming before the regular opening time (based on availability of lifeguards).

Swimming Pool

Fort MacArthur swimming pool is open. Hours of operations: 12 to 8 p.m., Thursday to Tuesday.

RV Storage

For your convenience, Los Angeles AFB offers four RV storage facilities. They are located next to Bldg. 219 and 215 in Area B, next to the FamCamp in Lawndale and one at Fort MacArthur*. Storage fees are \$30 per month for RVs over 23 feet and \$20 per month for RVs under 23 feet long.

*The RV storage located at Fort MacArthur is open to active duty military personnel residing in LAAFB military housing.

FamCamp

Los Angeles Air Force Base operates a Family Campground, or Famcamp. We have 15 hardstand units with hookups for water and electricity. It is open year round and advanced reservations are accepted. The camp is located two miles south of LAAFB in Lawndale. It is located on Aviation Blvd, between Marine and Rosecrans. The fee is \$8 per day. Outdoor Recreation handles the reservations, so call them at 363-2081.

Auto Skills Center 363-1705

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